

### School Tax Rate Hike OK'd

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Tuesday to "enable us to compete with neighboring districts for good teachers." Nearly all surrounding districts already have raised salaries this year.

3. In the battle against double sessions, seven new school plants opened last year. These will require more money for operation and maintenance.  
4. Inflation and rising costs have hit the school district, like all other government agencies and businesses.

children from them will attend local schools, the property will not be on tax rolls this year.  
After hearing opinions of local school officials and Torrance civic leaders, the board decided to collect the remaining 17 cents of an override tax authorized by voters in 1956. Of this, 12 cents will go toward meeting higher costs and five cents will be put in reserve for use in 1960-61.

budget. If we save money for next year, we may be able to avoid an additional override tax, and save the taxpayer money in the long run."  
In a communication, Robert Plomert, Torrance Industries Tax Committee, representative, told the board, "You should look ahead. Collection of the 17 cents appears the safest and most prudent way to educate the children at the most reasonable cost."

plan for the future, especially with 500 new homes in sight."  
More than 80 per cent of the new budget will go for salaries. By categories, it breaks down as follows:  
Instruction, 68 per cent; operation of school plants, 11 per cent; fixed charges, 4.1; adminis-

tration, 3.8; school plant maintenance, 3.5; capital outlay, 3.1; auxiliary services, 2.3; transportation, 1.9; undistributed reserve, 1.7; food service, .3; community service, .1; and miscellaneous, .2 per cent.  
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5. Because of state and national legislative action local taxes will have to provide 51 per cent of the total budget this year, compared with only 44 per cent last year.  
6. Several large residential tracts are now being built or are on planning boards. Although

"We must look forward to next year, when we have higher expenses, but no more money than we have this year," Board President Walter Garrabrant noted. "We will have an even tighter

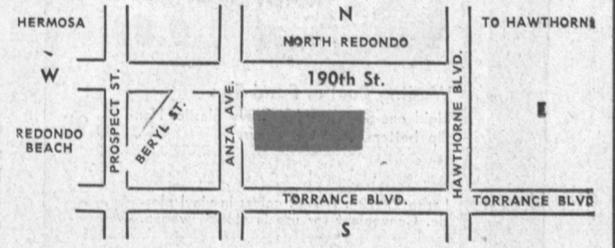
Fred Mill, retiring president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, told officials, "collection of the 17 cents appears to be the only sound way for schools to

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